(e) how many other countries will be benefited by it; and

(f) by when, the Scheme is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) Yes Sir, Benefits of Green Revolution have accrued more to farmers of irrigated, areas than the rainfed areas.

(b) to (f) The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) have worked out a scheme .entitled "Community Based Programme for Sustainable Farming Systems in Fragile Watersheds". In addition, under the Five Year Regional Programme approved in the Fifth Meeting of the Development Assistance Coordinators held in Manila from 20th to 23rd January, 1992, the UNDP have sent a Regional Project entitled "Farm Centered Agricultural Resources Management". No country-wise allocations have been made under this project. Besides India, the other participating countries, are— Indonesia, Phillippines, China, Thailand, Vietnam, Nepal and Srilanka.

Development of Agriculture in Kutch, Gujarat

1091. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE: SHRI RAINI RANIAN SAHU: SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR;

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that the Gujarat Institute of Development Research has submitted a report captioned "Kutch and its Agriculture" for agricultural development of the desert area of Kutch; and

(b) if so, the main suggestion and observation made thereon?

. THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI, ARVIND NETAM): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Newsitem captioned "Seven Lakh Litre Milk down the drain daily"

1092. SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD:
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem captioned "Seven lakh litre milk down the drain daily" which appeared in the Indian Express dated 23rd November, 1993; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and what action Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM). (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The news item refers to the reported draining of milk by Maharashtra Govt. dairies. These dairies are owned and managed by the Maharashtra Govt. Government of India has no direct control over their day to day operations. The State Govt, of Maharashtra has informed that out of seven lakh litres of milk being received by the three dairies of Greater Bombay Milk Scheme, some quantity of milk becomes highly acidic. This is separated to take out fat and the skim milk which is not fit for packaging, distribution or for conversion into skim milk powder, is actually destroyed. Some times the quantity of such milk is about 30 to 35 thousand liters. The State Govt. has further informed that plant, machinery and storage tanks etc. of the three dairies located in Bombay are cleaned and sterilised every day. Wash water which goes to the sea through a common outlet, may appear milky, but is not milk.

Pension to marine fisherman

1093 SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA; SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government have formula ted a pension scheme for marine fisher men;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof stating whether the scheme would be contributory; annd

(c) if so, by when the scheme will come into force?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR):(a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Closing of Film makinng Unit of Agriculture Ministry

1094 SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA;

SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are planning to close the Film making Unit of the Ministry;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Ministry is getting the agriculture based films through private film makers spending eight times more than the films made by its Unit; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons for closing down the Film Unit and to incur more expenditure in production of films?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A panel or private film makers has been framed for getting the agriculture based films produced through private film makers. It is not true that the cost of production of instructional!, agricultural film through private film makers is eight times more than the films made by the Film Unit of this Ministry, presently working under the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.

(c) Based on the best expertise avail. able in the market and its costs effectiveness the Govt, have taken a decision to get the films produced through private film producers.

Changes in farm policy

1095. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state;

(a) whether drastic changes in the farm policy have been under consideration of Government to match with the industrial and trade reforms as indicated by 'he Minister of Commerce and the Deputy Chairman of the Planning Commission on 6th September, 1993; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the decision, if any, taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) and (b) Modified draft Agriculture Policy Resolution which aims at accelerating allround development of agriculture including horticulture, livestock, fisheries and sericulture and creating a Positive trade and investment climate for agriculture at par with industry, has been placed in the Parliament on 14th May, 1993.

Hike in the statutory minimum price of sugar-cane

1096. SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:

SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have announced a hike in the statutory minimum price of sugar-cane for 1993-94 and 1994-95 seasons; if so to what extent, incidating the existing and revised prices; and

(b) whether the arrears of payments due from mills to the farmers have since